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TWO FELONS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced two felons were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms.

* **Jonathan S. Cartwright**, 24, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this afternoon to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole. **Cartwright** also was sentenced to one year and six months in federal prison for violating the conditions of his supervised release on a previous conviction.

On Oct. 21, 2003, **Cartwright** pleaded guilty to illegally possessing two firearms. By pleading guilty, **Cartwright** admitted that he was in possession of a Ruger .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol and a Turkish Mauser 8 mm bolt-action rifle on Sept. 24, 2003, in Greene County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Cartwright** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for aiding and abetting the possession of an unregistered destructive device in Texas.

Cartwright was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 16, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the United States Marshal's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Harold G. Maggard, Jr.**, 41, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this afternoon to three years and five months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 14, 2003, **Maggard** pleaded guilty to illegally possessing two firearms. By pleading guilty, **Maggard** admitted that he was in possession of a Caspian .45 caliber pistol and a Ruger .45 caliber pistol on March 25, 2002, in Greene County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Maggard** has three 1992 criminal felony convictions for possession of methamphetamine and one 1997 criminal felony conviction for possession of methamphetamine.

Maggard was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 7, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James Kelleher. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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